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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yutaka BAN, et al.) Examiner: R. Beatty
Application No.: 09/853,700) Group Art Unit: 2852
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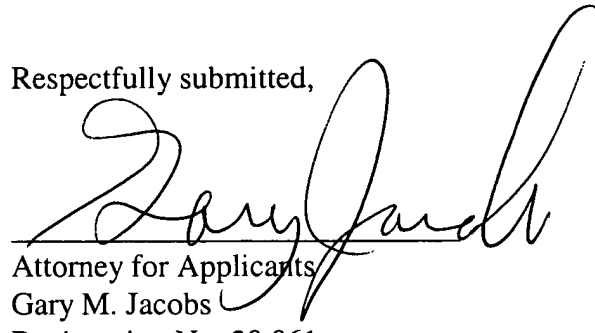
SUBMISSION OF SEARCH REPORT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.97, the Examiner's attention is directed to the attached Search Report. The reference cited therein was already submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 14, 2001, and therefore not being submitted herewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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Respectfully submitted,

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